



New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Section	20	Special requirements for communication and visiting (N.J.A.C. 10:127-9.20)	

§10:127-9.20 Special requirements for communication and visiting

(a) The requirements in this section shall apply only to facilities providing or contracting for adventure activities that:

1. Are located in areas that are remote or away from ordinary means of communication; or
2. Use travel, including, but not limited to, backpacking, sailing or a wagon train.

(b) The facility shall permit family members, the Division's case manager or other placing agency to visit the child where he or she is currently living and shall provide comfortable inside space when the weather prohibits outside visitation.

1. The facility shall provide privacy for all visits between the child and the Division's case manager or other placing agency.
2. The facility shall provide privacy for family visits unless the facility documents in the child's record that the child would be at risk during a private family visit.

(c) The facility shall develop and maintain on file, in the administrative office, plans and procedures to ensure that each child:

1. Can receive an emergency message from his or her family and from the Division's case manager or other placing agency within 24 hours of the family member or the Division's case manager or other placing agency contacting the facility's administrative office;
2. Is given necessary postage to send mail to family members, the Division's case manager or other placing agency; and
3. Can receive mail from his or her family and the Division's case manager or other placing agency on a weekly basis.

(d) The facility shall permit each child to make private telephone calls to the Division's case manager or other placing agency, upon reasonable request.

(e) The facility shall permit each child to make a telephone call at the facility's expense to a family member at least every other week.

1. The facility may impose a time limit of 15 minutes on telephone calls made by children to family members.

2. The facility may require children to telephone family members at off-peak times.

3. The facility shall not use electronic devices to monitor children's telephone calls to family members, but may observe their reaction during the telephone call.

4. The facility shall maintain documentation that children were permitted